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REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Addendum

1. It will be recalled that, on 19 October 1993, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations: 1/

(a) Took note of the work of the Preparatory Committee in 1993, including the decision that the theme for the commemoration be "We the Peoples of the United Nations ... United for a Better World" and that an open-ended drafting group be established to prepare a declaration to be adopted in 1995 to mark the anniversary; and

(b) Decided that the Preparatory Committee should continue its work and report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session (decision 48/406).

2. It will be noted that, in paragraph 6 of its report, the Preparatory Committee had, *inter alia*, agreed that "a suitable climax to the fiftieth anniversary would need to be identified, which should have universal importance, be enduring in its effect and have a suitable symbolic value".

3. As follow-up to that agreement, the Preparatory Committee, at its 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th meetings, on 11 January, 15 February, 15 March, 19 April and 19 May 1994, respectively, discussed at length the preparations and the modality of the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. At its 13th meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted a revised draft resolution on this issue (A/AC.240/1994/L.5/Rev.1).

4. As a result of those discussions, the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, on 24 October 1995, is an occasion of historic significance,

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Agreeing that it would be fitting for the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, to make special arrangements through which the fiftieth anniversary could be commemorated with due solemnity, dignity and significance,

Agreeing also that a special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly should take place at the level of Head of State or Government,

Agreeing further that the occasion could be taken as providing an opportunity for the General Assembly to adopt a solemn declaration appropriate to the occasion on 24 October 1995,

Noting that a Drafting Group of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations has been established to prepare the draft text of such declaration,

1. Decides to convene a special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 24 October 1995;

2. Also decides that arrangements for the special commemorative meeting should be made as follows:

(a) Invitations will be issued to all Member and observer States at the level of Head of State or Government;

(b) All heads of delegations to the special commemorative meeting will be afforded the opportunity to address the special meeting;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to write to the Heads of State or Government of States Members of the United Nations and of observer States advising them of these arrangements and inviting them to participate in the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, and requesting them to advise him, as soon as possible, of their participation and representation and of whether or not they propose to address the special commemorative meeting;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on replies received, in order to enable the Assembly, at that session, to recommend to the Assembly at its fiftieth session a precise timetable and agenda for the special commemorative meeting of the Assembly in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and a suggested timetable for the conduct of the general debate of the fiftieth session of the Assembly.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/48/48).